

ment), he whose path is unimpeded, who is
the giver
of life, the bestower of happiness, hear.

2. May ADITI accept my affectionate and
devoted
praise, as a mother (the endearments of) a
son: the
pleasing, delightful prayer that is approved
of by the

gods I address-to YARUNA and MITRA,

3. Celebrate, (priests), the most
prophetic of the
prophets;¹ imbue him with the sweet
libation, and

may the divine SAVITRI bestow upon, us
ample, bene-
ficial, and delightful riches.

4. With a (willing) mind, INDRA, thou
associatest
us with cattle, with pious (priests), and, lord
of steeds,
with prosperity, with (sacrificial) food that is
agreeable
to the gods, and with the favour of the
adorable
deities.²

5. May the divine BHAGA, SAVITRI the
lord of
wealth, ANSA, INDRA (the slayer) of VRITRA,
(all) the
conquerors of riches, KIBHUKSHIN,³ V^JA,
and also
PURANDHI, immortals, hastening (to our
sacrifice) pre-
serve us.

6. We celebrate the exploits of MARUTWAT,
the un- Varga xvm.
recoiling, the victorious, the undecaying:
neither the
ancients, MAGHAVAN, nor their successors,
have attained
thy prowess, nor has any one recent
attained it

¹ *Kamtaman kavindm: kavi*, 'us before observed, is usually explained *krdnta darn*, a seer or shewer of the past, whence may be inferred the application of his knowledge to the future,

" Till old experience doth attain,
To something of prophetic strain."

² *Yajur-Veda*, 2.15: there are one or two varieties of reading, but they are. not of any importance.

³ *Ribhukshin* is usually considered to be a name of *Indra*, but here it implies JBt'6/m, whilst *Purandhi* is equivalent to *j* making, with *Vdja*, the triad.